

**PATENT** 45D-1750

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: J. Hines

In re application of:

R.J. OBREMSKI et al.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Box AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 14, 1999, which was paper #5 of the present application. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3, line 26, delete "for"

On page 13, line 29, delete "PhotoLink®" and insert therefor -- PHOTOLINK®-

## REMARKS:

Minor changes are made to the specification. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner states that the oath or declaration is defective. In response, applicants have attached herewith newly executed oaths and declarations, which identifies the provisional application on which priority is claimed. Therefore, withdrawal of this objection is requested.

The Examiner's comments about the drawings are noted and changes will be made when the formal drawings are submitted.

The Examiner has pointed out that the trademarks have to be capitalized. The Examiner also requested clarification of the sentence on line 26 of page 3. In response, applicants made